



## Fishery Job Available

Spend your summer working outdoors on National Forest lands.

**Employer:** USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station  
**Pay Rate:** \$15.00/hr, full-time not to exceed 1039 hours; GS-0404-05  
**Job Title:** Biological Science Technician (Fisheries)  
**Positions Available:** 1, dependent on funding  
**Duty Location:** Mt. Ida, Arkansas  
**USA Jobs Announcement Number:** [OCRT-404-5-FISH-DT](#)

### Job Details:

**Duration:** Not to exceed 6 months, dependent on funding, starting May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Primary duties:** Serve as Crew Leader for a team of 5 student temporary employees. The crew will measure stream habitat attributes and sample fish in wadeable streams in support of a Ouachita National Forest watershed monitoring program. The Crew Leader will participate in field work and will also work with Ouachita National Forest and Southern Research Station employees to coordinate logistics and provide data collection oversight.

**Equipment:** backpack electrofishers, hipchain, clinometer, and GPS

**Duty station:** Mt. Ida, Arkansas (after the field season ends Aug 19<sup>th</sup>; data entry can be performed from the duty station or remotely)

**Housing:** Shared Forest Service housing is available (a nominal housing fee applies)

**Work area:** Ouachita National Forest northwest of Hot Springs, AR

**Travel:** Work sites will be accessed using day trips from the duty station and from campsites; up to 5 weeks (not continuous) will be spent camping to access other parts of the Ouachita National Forest; camping equipment and a daily per diem to cover food expenses is provided while camping

Crew travels in Forest Service vehicles and work related travel expenses are reimbursed. Waders, wading boots, and other protective equipment are provided as needed; employees must bring adequate work boots, rain gear, and clothing (details provided upon hire). Other duties may be assigned as needed.

### Job Requirements:

- valid state driver's license, less than two accidents for which you were at fault, and less than three traffic violations since May 2007 (background checks are performed)
- ability to hike in mountainous terrain, streams, and rivers, with a backpack weighing up to 25 lbs.
- interest in the outdoors, specifically streams and rivers
- enthusiasm and good attitude, even under adverse conditions

**Minimum Federal Qualification Requirements:**

- Qualifying experience for the GS-5 level includes one year of specialized experience at least equivalent to GS-4 which is in or directly related to the line of work of the position to be filled and which has equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position. The specialized experience required for some positions in this series is normally work performed in a controlled environment.
- **SUBSTITUTION OF EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCE:** Experience requirements may be met by successful completion of a four year course of study leading to a bachelors' degree or the equivalent. Education must include at least 24 semester/36 quarter hours in any combination of scientific or technical courses, with 6 of 24 semester/9 of 36 quarter hours directly related to the position being filled.
- **COMBINATION OF EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Equivalent combinations of successfully completed education and experience may be used to meet the experience requirements.
- **For a complete list of qualification standards visit:**  
<http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/Standards/IORs/g0400/0404.htm>

**Mt. Ida, Arkansas:** <http://www.mtidachamber.com/>

- Mt. Ida in Montgomery County is located 35 miles west of Hot Springs, AR.
  - Montgomery County is 805 mi<sup>2</sup> and 63% of the county is comprised of the Ouachita NF.
  - The population of Montgomery County is approximately 8,448 with a population density of <10 people per square mile.
  - The lakes, mountains, and streams are a paradise for nature lovers, sportsmen, and recreation; hiking trails and campgrounds are in abundance.
  - Mount Ida is a easy-going little town (population is 942) and is a Mecca for Rockhounds and a crossroads community to Lake Ouachita.
  - Of the 8,448 people living in Montgomery County, approximately 1,683 have jobs; the rest are children or are retired.
  - The town of Norman located on the Caddo River is the gateway to the Little Missouri Falls, Albert Pike Recreation Area and Winding Stairs "possibly the longest "stairs" in the world, since the name refers to 1,700 acres along the Little Missouri River.
  - Pine Ridge was made famous in the 1930s and 40s by the highly popular "Lum and Abner" radio show. It is now home to the Lum and Abner Museum and the Jot 'Em Down Store, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
  - The major source of income is cattle, swine, poultry, timber, mining, and tourism.
  - The average rainfall is 46 inches, average snowfall is 4 inches, and the average temperature is 68 degrees F.
  - The low real estate prices, nominal tax and license fees, moderate living expenses and low crime rate make this area a wonderful place to live.
  - Montgomery County has three school districts (all offer grades K-12) that are fully accredited by the Department of Education.
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| <a href="#">Mount Ida</a>   | (870) 867-2771 | <a href="http://www.dmsc.k12.ar.us/~mountida/cms/">http://www.dmsc.k12.ar.us/~mountida/cms/</a> |
| <a href="#">Oden</a>        | (870) 326-4311 | <a href="http://timberwolves.k12.ar.us/">http://timberwolves.k12.ar.us/</a>                     |

**To Apply:**

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**Deadline for Application:**

Applications must be submitted by **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

**Questions?**

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**Related Websites:**

Center for Aquatic Technology Transfer: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/catt/>

Forest Service, Ouachita National Forest: <http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/ouachita/>

Forest Service, Southern Research Station: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/>

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